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Steve Casey, P.E., Supervisor Water Resources Division Department of Environmental Quality 420 Fifth Street Gwinn, MI 49841

Re: Response to EPA Objection for MDEQ File No. 11-52-0075-P

Dear Mr. Casey:

Enclosed please find Marquette County Road Commission's response addressing the remaining issues associated with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) review of the above-referenced permit application, as outlined by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) letter of December 4, 2012. These documents are final and more fully address both the EPA letter and the subsequent comments made by the EPA, Michigan Department of Natural Resources, and MDEQ.

Please consider this letter and the attached documents as a request for MDEQ to issue the permit for the proposed CR 595 project as now proposed. We also respectfully request that MDEQ communicate to EPA that all applicable permitting standards have been met and request EPA to remove its Objection.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. It has been a pleasure working with you and your staff during the review of this application. Your hard work and dedication have not gone unnoticed.

Sincerely,

James M. Iwanicki, P.E.

Engineer-Manager, Marquette County Road Commission

**Enclosure**